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HB 5521

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

As a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology in Connecticut, who is currently in my 6th year and on predoctoral internship, I am writing in **strong opposition** to HB 5521, for the following 4 reasons:

- 1) The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers (both in Connecticut and on a national level);
- 2) Allowing licensure of master's level psychologists would create public confusion regarding provider education and training; and,
- 3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's).
- 4) This bill does not impact school psychologists, as they are under the authority of the Department of Education.

For each of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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